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Lodge locks out children's groups as a precaution

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
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It was disappointing news for daycare owner, Shirley Doell, to learn young children can no longer play and sing at Aspen Ridge Lodge.

She said the children have never visited residents at the care facility, but they were planning on making a trip there this fall.

"To be honest, this is disappointing, it's a wonderful experience for our kids to go to the seniors...but I do understand too," she said.

Aspen Ridge Lodge is the first facility in Mountain View County to ban groups of children under 11, as a measure against H1N1.

Alberta Health Services' Emergency Coordination Centre gave directive to all care facilities and hospitals in the province to lock out tours of children May 12, but only one facility among Mountain View Senior Housing (MVS) has chosen to follow the recommendation.

Alvin Melton, CAO for Mountain View Senior Housing said it's up to lodges, whether they want to use certain preventive measures. The Didsbury seniors' lodge is a designated assisted living building with seniors who have weak immune systems susceptible to influenza. The lodge felt bringing in kids would be dangerous to its residents, he said.

Although MVS has always acted to prevent outbreaks of influenza and infection in its lodges, this is the first time Melton has heard of protecting seniors from children.

"I was surprised, but it makes sense," he said.

"At the lodges we get kids coming in to sing with choirs and have to weigh the benefits of that, which is great morale for the seniors, against the risk of spreading infection."

An expert in infection prevention and control for AHS said children under 11 are "super transmitters" of the H1N1 virus.

"They are certainly good spreaders of infection. They share items and are in close contact; they don't always practise good respiratory etiquette or hand hygiene," said Karen Hope.

"We want to ensure sick children are not entering facilities and spreading the disease."

Hope isn't exactly sure why the cut-off is 11 years old or Grade 6, but said it could be because older children typically practise better hygiene than their young counterparts.

This precaution, one of many taken to prevent the spread of H1N1 to vulnerable populations, isn't new for AHS. Hope said visitors are often discouraged when there's an outbreak in care facilities.

The manager for Aspen Ridge Lodge said the residents haven't made any noise about the changes and are kept busy by other activities, not involving youth.

"Grandchildren can still come in or a little girl or boy, just not groups...and it's temporary. I don't think it's a big thing," said Jeannette Leafloor, manager of the lodge.



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The golfer plastered on the Didsbury water storage reservoir tower is looking a little worse for wear to its painter, Ruth Jepson. She hopes the town will pay for her to touch it up. See story on page 3.

Groups from elementary schools or daycares which used to regularly drop into the lodge will once again be able to frolic in the facility once the ban is lifted. It's been one month since the facility put the policy in place.

MJ Paul, who owns Kidsbury Daycare, has taken her kids to the lodge before and says this is a great precaution.

"Disease is spread in daycares...you have 30 kids playing with the same toy so if one gets it, they all do,"

she said.

Although she isn't too sure that preventing senior interaction with children is going to prevent a flu outbreak at the facility.

"Do these seniors go on field trips, to the zoo and other places? You can get it anywhere. I mean unless you live in a bubble..."

Paul said her kids won't miss out on visiting the seniors and by November when a vaccine could be ready, everything will go back to normal.

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Funds to ward off Main Street 'amnesia'

BY TAMARA
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done and no one seemed to know," said Cyndee Walden, project planner for the town.

"It was before our time."

Last November, the government revamped the program and toughened up criteria for the Main Street club so heritage areas are legally protected against acts of amnesia.

Didsbury is doing out \$55,000 to remain in the elite Main Street club and among the 10 per cent in Alberta with a historic downtown.

Eight years ago Didsbury and 22 other municipalities belonged to Main Street, a share-cost program with Alberta Historical Resources Foundation that gave property owners funds to fix up storefronts.

In the five years this town was involved, the community received nearly \$400,000 for rehabilitation projects and business owners contributed over half a million dollars.

But when the project wrapped up in the year 2000, there was nothing protecting preservation efforts and new owners could easily unravel the work that was done.

Matthew Francis, head of municipal heritage services with Alberta Culture and Community Spirit, said towns often suffer Main Street amnesia. It's an affliction that causes new owners and town employees to forget the work done or even recall belonging to the Main Street initiative.

Town of Didsbury officials, for example, know the town was once a part of the program, but can't peg what exactly had been accomplished.

"I went around, asking people at the office what was

used to improve facades.

Didsbury plans to complete its survey by 2010 and will be looking for consultants this year.

"There is a lot of authenticity in Didsbury to celebrate. Of 360 communities in Alberta, only 10 per cent have historic Main Streets and this town is one of them," Francis said.

He said big box stores and strip malls are destroying the feel of what communities in Alberta were once like.

"Didsbury is poised for growth over the next several years so this is an opportunity to look into the future, ask what makes this community unique and protect it," Francis said.

He said if towns preserve heritage, in the future they will have a legacy of century old buildings similar to those in Eastern Canada or Europe.

Walden agrees that this is an "excellent initiative."

"It will make us a very attractive and vibrant community that everyone will be proud of, if they aren't already."

Wittal added keeping a small, old town feel will attract people interested in shopping or eating in a living museum.

The Main Street initiative isn't the first effort council has made to protect the downtown. Two years ago, it passed a policy that has property owners looking to build or renovate preserve the look of 20 St.

What you need to know about

West Nile virus

"I ended up being sick for three weeks, and the most frightening part was not knowing if it would keep getting worse."

— Coreen, Bow Island, AB
West Nile fever survivor

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Facelift for iconic landmark contemplated

BY TAMARA
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The 50-foot golfer on the Didsbury water tower is showing its age and painter, Ruth Jepson, is itching to smooth out the wrinkles.

"I hadn't realized how worn it is," she said, gazing up at the painting she did nearly a decade ago.

"This needs to be painted soon, so I can be here to touch it up. I want it to be something inspirational when I'm gone, not faded and ratty."

A town official called the local painter recently to ask if she'd be interested in injecting some youth into the old mural.

She said yes, although no timelines or definitive answers were given about when the project would happen or if town officials were prepared to invest in it.

The discussion made her muse over the first time she and council put their heads together about the initiative.

In 1998, a year before Didsbury hosted the Alberta 55 Plus Games, Jepson was staring at the "ugly, grey" tower wondering how to transform the town into something the town would be proud of.

"My first thought was four figures on each side, a golfer, tennis player, horseback rider and baseball player...but (the town and I) decided it was too big a project for the time and decided just to go with the golfer," she



Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

said.

When the town gave her their thumbs-up and a hydraulic lift, she went to work designing, sketching and painting what would later become an iconic Didsbury landmark.

She remembers one day in particular, when she and her partner zipped 50 feet in the air to brush. It was windy and dark clouds were hovering on the horizon.

"We squared up and went to leave and the boom stopped working. There we were, high in

the air at 8 p.m. when there was not a golfer in sight. I thought we'd have to stay overnight until someone came in the morning," she said.

"It was frightening, but when all else fails, read the instructions."

She said they flipped a switch for the battery and slowly putted down to earth.

It took her eight days to paint the bold, vibrant mural of a swinging golfer and when she was done, she wondered if the residents below would find it an eyesore.

"I mean, some would have to look at it every day and it's like this giant poster on the water tower," she said.

She has never actually heard anyone complain.

Instead, the giant golfer has been warmly embraced by the town, which has used it as a landmark, photography subject and fridge art.

Glen Thompson said he has been enjoying catching glimpses of the mural since the day it was painted and thinks it's a shame the town has let the colours fade.

"It was a plain water tower before Ruth painted it and it has stood up pretty well until now," he said.

"It does need redoing," his wife added. "It's faded, but you can still make it out."

Doreen McEwen said people are already beginning to talk about the need to spruce up the 10-year-old mural and said she is more than willing to allow her tax dollars to go to the cause.

Town officials are far from making any definitive decisions, said Luana Smith, manager of legislative services.

"(Ruth and I) were talking about something else and I asked how much it would cost to touch (the mural) up. She said \$60 dollars an hour," Smith said.

Without knowing how long it would take Jepson to paint the mural or what additional equipment the town would need to pur-

chase, the end cost is indeterminate, she said. Knowing what the project cost in 1998 would help, but she can't find those records.

"If we are going to do it,

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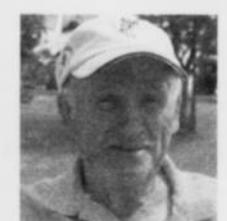
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DOREEN MCEWEN



"Yes, it should be touched up. Oddly enough I was just having a conversation about this last week. This is how people find the golf course. It's not terrible, but it needs to stand out more."

DARYK DUROCHER



Opinion

Commentary Youth gambling shouldn't be ignored

DAN SINGLETON

The results of a new study that looked at youth gambling in Alberta highlight the need for parents, teachers and other caregivers to take the dangers of gambling by young people seriously.

As with drug and alcohol addictions, addressing gambling addictions in the early stages is key to preventing short-term problems from becoming life-long hardships and burdens, experts say.

That being the case, any efforts today that will help prevent West Central Alberta young people from falling into the sordid life of gambling addiction down the road are efforts well spent.

The Alberta Youth Experience Survey found that 62 per cent of students surveyed reported taking part in some form of gambling over the past year.

Researchers found that 41 per cent of students surveyed played cards for money, 35 per cent played scratch and win tickets, 28 per cent bet on sporting events and 20 per cent played bingo.

And perhaps most troubling, researchers also found that many teenagers are attracted to video lottery terminals for the same reasons they are interested and attracted to video games.

"The flashing lights, clanging bells and excitement of each appeal to youth, and the instant payout, high action and illusion of control reinforce continuous play," said Leely Lew, a program consultant with the Addiction and Mental Health problem gambling unit of Alberta Health Services.

"Research indicates the more frequently youth play video games, the more likely they are to believe their playing skills are related to gambling success."

"Combine that with increased exposure to gambling through the media and online poker websites and we are seeing more youth exploring gambling opportunities."

Alberta Health Services says as in the case of adult gambling, youth gambling can lead to various social and economic problems, including stealing money from friends and family, having unexplained absences from home, school or work, and withdrawing from relationships, school groups or other activities.

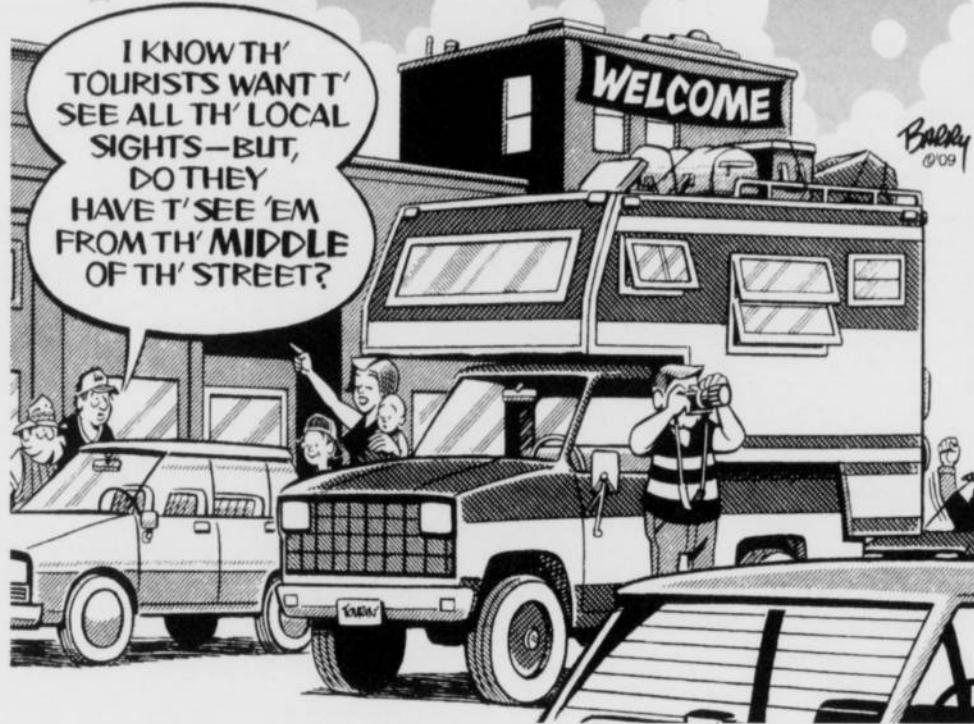
And just like adult gambling, education is the key to combating youth gambling, says Richard Wellington, manager of the problem gambling unit with Alberta Health Services.

"The earlier an individual begins to gamble, the more at-risk he or she is of developing a gambling problem later in life," says Wellington.

"We (Alberta Health Services) provide teachers, youth and their parents with the supports and information they need to lower that risk and help them lead healthier lives."

As with internet use, parents, teachers and other caregivers in West Central Alberta should be mindful that keeping a watchful eye on the activities of young people can go a long way in helping stop gambling problems before they start.

And if that leads to young people having 'healthier lives', everyone benefits.



Commentary We can't spend our way out of the recession

ROGER GIBBINS



After months of unrelenting bad news about the economy, it is hard not to be just a little optimistic when, rather than the rain beating down, the sun shines and all seems right with the world.

Like an earnest gardener, media coverage focuses on any sign of a green economic shoot, any indication that things are getting better. Even if the news is that things are getting worse more slowly, and that unemployment is still rising but not as quickly as we feared, we breathe a sigh of relief.

However, our optimism is at best wary; we want evidence beyond warm days and long summer evenings. The challenge is knowing what to believe, and who to believe, in a deluge of economic news. Who can we trust amidst so much uncertainty? Who can give us the information we need to chart our financial course to safety in such turbulent waters?

For most of us, faith in conventional sources of financial advice has been badly shaken. Financial institutions and advisers provided little if any warning about the meltdown. The financial professionals have floundered, as have we all. Given that we have looked to gov-

ernments to solve the economic crisis, maybe we should also look to governments for advice on how to keep our own more modest financial boats afloat. Unfortunately, it is here that we confront a troubling paradox.

If individuals were to act like governments, we would maintain or even increase our level of household spending as part of our families' stimulus package. We would support this increased level of spending by plunging further into debt, or back into debt, and remaining there for years if not generations to come. We would invest in infrastructure, perhaps a giant flat-screen television, home renovations or a new car.

We would not have a credible strategy for getting out of debt except for the hope that general economic conditions will improve to the point that our higher salaries and bonuses will melt our debt load like ice cream in the summer sun. (Does anyone really believe that governments can get out of debt without raising taxes?)

Following this model that governments provide would lead us to deep, deep trouble. Unlike financial institutions and automakers, we are not too big to fail, and fail we will. We will spiral into debt and then, when interest rates rise in the wake of inevitable inflation, we will be done like toast.

Doing just the opposite of what governments are doing means saving rather than spending. In this

model we would trim expenditures to the bone, hunker down until the economy begins to rebound and then wait a bit more until the rebound is secure. We would make the car last another year, enjoy a staycation and look for the cheaper Chardonnay even if it is too oaky.

And yet, here is the paradox. If we turn our backs on the example provided by governments, the recession will last even longer. If the stimulus packages of governments are not matched by individual spending, then we are stuck. Even the massive, unprecedented deficit-fuelled expenditures of the American government will not be enough if individuals do not similarly throw spending caution to the wind.

If individuals and their governments are marching off in different directions to different drummers, as a country we may not be able to find our way forward.

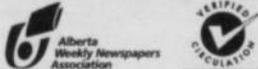
So what will I do? Despite the clear summer skies and balmy weather, I will hunker down, with the possible exception of that oak Chardonnay. If the economic recession lingers on, I will not accept blame that it is a consequence of my own caution. I may be a poor economic citizen by passing up on the infrastructure investment that a new flat-screen TV would provide, but hopefully I will survive to fight and work another day.

Roger Gibbins is the president and CEO of the Canada West Foundation

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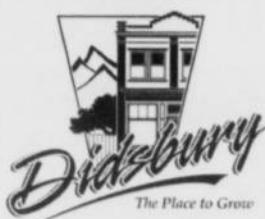
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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers

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The Town of Didsbury Council is considering an OFF LEASH AREA for DOGS.

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- Memorial Park on side of hill between pathway and Valarosa
- Southridge Valley Park
- The area near the storm retention pond planned in the valley North of Valarosa.

If you would like to provide comment/input or have questions, please contact the Town of Didsbury Legislative Services Department by email at: legislative@didsbury.ca or call 403-335-7391.

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Volunteers travelling the world to help

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM
Didsbury Review

It wasn't a lack of trust that drove Dan Peters 17,000 kilometres away from his dream vacation.

It was the opportunity to meet the people his donations were helping and to possibly find more to aid.

Flying overseas to choose someone to patron isn't something Peters would have done two years ago. The Didsbury real estate agent was content to hand over a cheque to non-profits and let them choose the best cause or person to give it to.

That all changed when he started working with Home of Hope, an organization that builds schools and homes in Rwanda, Africa and sponsors children.

"The director of the organization kept inviting me to see my dollars at work and I wasn't interested in going. There were other places I wanted to spend my vacation," said Peters.

It was only after his donations helped build a home for orphans and widows that Peters was persuaded to travel to Rwanda. He saw the trip as a means to see the effect his dollars was having in the country and a rare opportunity to hand pick people he could support.

"Going on that trip was absolutely...it was stunning," he said.

"You realize that you may not be able to solve the

world's problems, but you can make a difference for some people."

Peters met two young men pursuing their dreams in the capital city of Kigali, one as a recording artist and the other as an accountant, and he sought to help.

"He bonded with those boys; they became a part of our family. I didn't realize I had the capacity to love two more people in this world," said Peter's wife, Ev.

The duo recently brought the two men to Didsbury to see the country and learn at SAIT.

The couple is also now more involved with the projects they sponsor overseas. This September they will fly to Turkey and India and after that, back to Rwanda for two months.

Non-profit experts say Peters and his wife are part of a growing trend of Canadians taking their vacation time to go to Third World countries and help in relief and development projects.

"Donors today are not content to simply hand over their money. They want to have more direct contact with the people and causes they give to," said Wayne Kroeker, executive director for the Canadian Christian Relief and Development Association.

"They don't want to pay someone else to look after a problem, they want to be a part of the solution. One way of doing that is con-



Dan and Ev Peters stand with the two men, Richard Bizimana and Alain Muhorane, they sponsor through a charity in Rwanda. The Peters paid for the duo to attend college courses in Canada.

tributing money, but the other is giving their time."

Kroeker said the trend doesn't have the numbers to back it up since no one has ever looked into it before, but it's something his organization is taking note of.

The executive director for Home of Hope, Brian Thomson is seeing the same thing of his donors. Of 294 people who give donations each month to the organization, 200 have flown to Rwanda to help build clinics

or schools.

"We also have families flying in here to make that personal connection with their sponsored child. They buy them a bike, take them shopping or out for pizza," he said.

James Carpenter, also a realtor from Didsbury, used to send a cheque to non-profits. When he travelled to India to check out an organization he planned to donate to and saw the poverty there, his giving not only went through the roof, but he started getting more involved overseas.

"It feels really, really, really good to see lives change," he said.

Carpenter is the director for the non-profit Empower Global in Bangladesh, an organization that gives micro-loans to women seeking to go into business.

He makes at least three trips there a year and often brings vision trips, or groups of potential sponsors, with him.

"I have seen grown men

cry when they see the conditions there. That movie, *Slumdog Millionaire*, is really accurate. It's just gut wrenching," he said.

According to Heidi Lasi, manager of public engagement for the organization CUSO, her organization is booming with professionals wanting to volunteer abroad.

In the last six months the not-for-profit has received more applications than they usually get in a year. In 2008, 1,065 people asked to go overseas, while in the last six months of 2009, 1,473 signed up.

Lasi believes the term global village is hitting home and Canadians are realizing the way we live our lives here impacts people across the globe.

"As people have gotten smarter about philanthropic dollars, they have also gotten smarter about volunteer hours and want to do something that makes a difference."

Volunteers with CUSO

head overseas for six months to two years to teach skills to people in one of 44 countries the organization is involved in.

Although having people more involved in efforts overseas can be seen as a good thing, it is also causing non-profits to ask hard questions.

"When a donor takes a trip, you have to question whether they are getting benefit for themselves or not and if it's to benefit the donor you have a problem," said Kroeker.

Too often donors will plan a three-week trip, volunteer for two and then ask for a charitable receipt for their entire vacation.

Paul Carrick, the founder of Cause Canada, says just because someone gives money to a country, doesn't guarantee them the right to visit the project.

"People have phoned up and said, 'I gave you \$100, now I want to go to Africa,' and it's more complicated than that," he said.

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Police Briefs

Drug raid nets charges

A 39-year-old Carstairs man was busted with over 100 marijuana plants and two pounds of processed cannabis last Wednesday.

Didsbury RCMP used a warrant to search the home of Michael William Hallick on July 29 and found an array of live and bagged cannabis, growing equipment and \$1,900 cash.

Hallick was hauled to jail and later charged on four counts, including

trafficking cannabis marijuana and production of cannabis marijuana.

Pedestrian hit

A senior drove her car into a pedestrian in the parking lot of the Co-op grocery store July 29. The RCMP said although the scene looked bad, the victim, who is in her late 90s, had no injuries. No charges were laid.

DIDSBUY REVIEW

Vehicle stereo stolen

A thief stole a stereo from a parked vehicle in Didsbury July 23. The window was left open wide enough for the thief to gain entry to the \$450 equipment.

Dangerous stop sign removal

Policing are warning vandals not to rip stop signs from the ground, after one was found tossed on a resident's lawn, July 25. This is the second time a stop sign has been torn down in a month.

"A simple prank like that could cause someone to roll through and have a fatal collision," said Cst. Robert Newton. "It's not a joke, that's for sure."

There are no suspects. RCMP warn removing traffic signs could result in a mischief charge or at worst, criminal negligence.

Vehicles broken into

Three vehicles parked in rural Didsbury were broken into on July 26 and insurance and registration stolen. There are no leads, or suspects.



Tamara Cunningham/Didsbury Review

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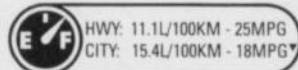
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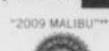
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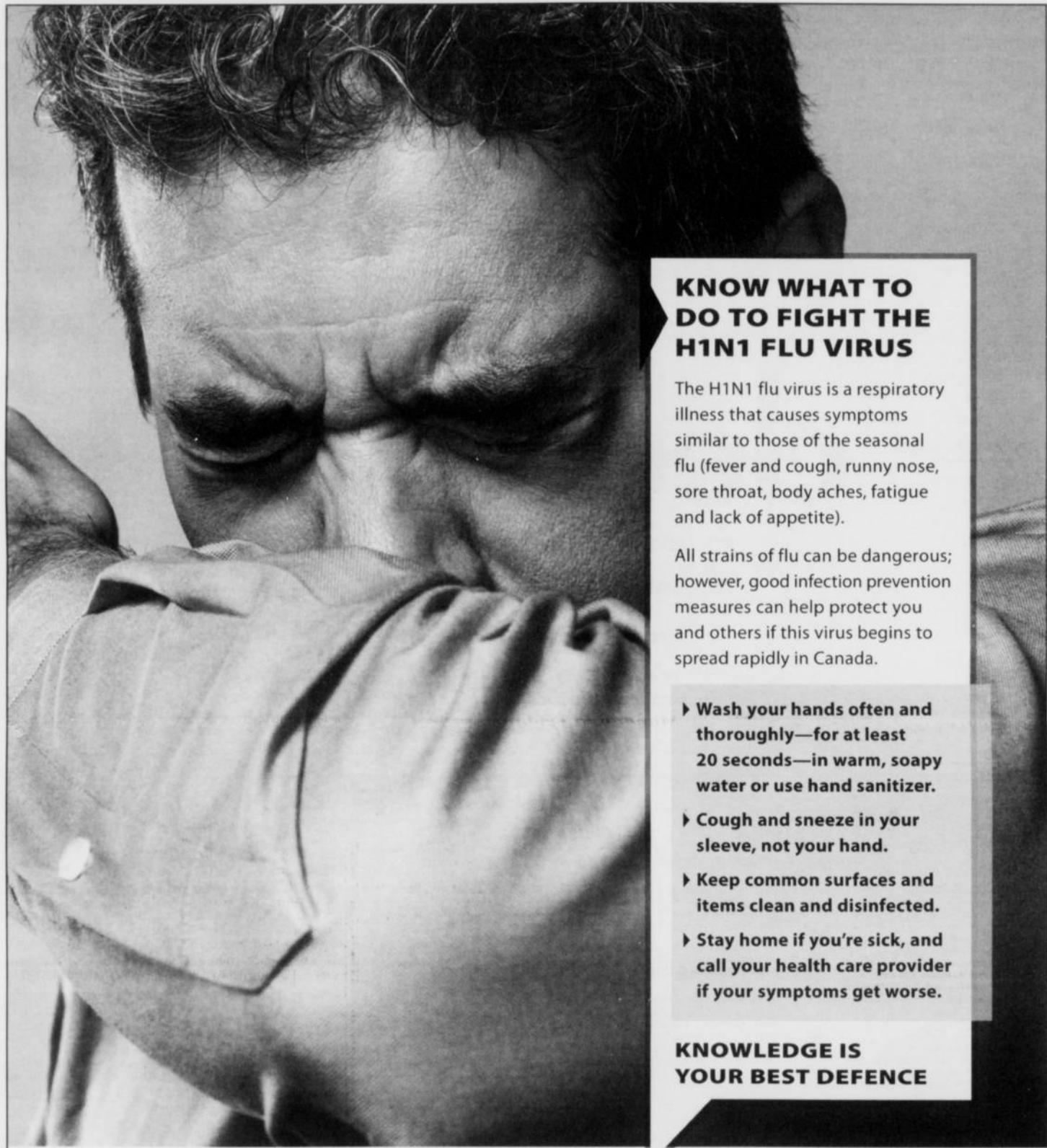
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HALL RENTALS: Rosebud Hall rentals. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.

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Come to the parade

Bring your lawn chair and sun screen for the Elks and Royal Purple Parade Saturday, August 15 at 11 a.m. The line up of floats will be on 20 Ave. and north and south of 14th Street, going past the hospital.

The theme is a salute to minor sports. The parade marshall is Harvey the Hound. The parade will travel west on 20 Ave. to the four way stop on Main Street and south to 15 Ave. There will be special prizes for the kids' section. Please do not park along the parade route after 10 a.m. Parade route maps are available at the town office. For more info call Shaun Waite (403)335 3188.



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Miller ready for Worlds

In five days, Nicole Miller will be batting for Canada during the Easton Youth World Cup game against Italy.

The 16-year-old Didsbury High School student will travel to Prague, in the Czech Republic tomorrow with 16 other girls, to compete for the title of world's best softball team.

It's the first time Softball Canada has showcased its U16 athletes on the international stage and Miller is the only Albertan to play for the team.

"I didn't think I'd get this far...it's exhilarating," she said.

"I feel extremely privileged to represent Alberta and Canada and wear the



NICOLE MILLER

Maple Leaf on my jersey."

The Didsbury athlete will be swinging against 12 countries, among them Italy, South Africa, Dominion Republic and Japan.

"I hear the Dominion Republic and Japan are really hard to beat. I played Japan last year in a B.C. tournament and they were great players," she said, adding she's only slightly nervous.

So what's on her side?

Miller said she's not bringing any good luck charms, just relying on the bare bones of skill and hard work.

"I just try and do my best and when I bat, I clean up," she said.

She is an arsenal on the plate for her team, the Calgary Rockies, batting over .500 and leading the team in RBIs.

"At this age, we look at the ones who can develop into national team players at the senior level," said Glenn Boles, assistant coach for the U16 national team.

"Miller showed she is a good left-hand batter."

Boles said Canada is heading to the Prague Softball Centre this week with a strong team that's on level with the best of competitors.

"I think we'll have a really good chance. You don't know until you get there because there will be players of all levels at an international level, but we are always in the top five," Boles said.

- Cunningham

Colts season set

First glance at the Heritage Junior Hockey League schedule will have members of the Mountainview Colts humming a few bars of I'll Be Home For Christmas.

While the Didsbury-based junior B squad will open the Heritage Junior Hockey League season at home on Oct. 3, the team will only see six home dates through October and November out of the 17 games they play over the two-month period.

However, December will be a month for home cooking as the Colts play six of their seven league games at the Didsbury

Memorial Complex.

The recently released HJHL schedule on the league's website shows all teams playing 36 regular season games during the 2009-10 season that commences on Sept. 25 and wraps up on Feb. 14.

For the Colts, the schedule features four games against the other four teams in the newly created Central Division and a full interlocking schedule against the remaining 10 teams in the league.

The league was reduced to 15 teams for the upcoming season after the Claresholm Storm were granted a one-year leave of absence from the junior B loop. With the Storm's defection the realignment of the divisions was necessary, moving the HJHL from a four-division setup with two conferences to the new configuration of central, north and south divisions.

Joining the Colts in the Central Division are many of the league's recent powerhouses including two-time defending league champion Cochrane Generals, Airdrie Thunder, Three Hills Thrashers and the Banff Academy Bears.

The Colts open the regular campaign with a home date Saturday, Oct. 3 against rivals Three Hills with faceoff at 8 p.m. After the season lid-lifter at home the Colts hit the road for four straight games.

Last year the Colts finished with a 17-16-3 record, but lost their first-round series to the Red Deer Vipers two games to one.

Training camp for the Colts usually starts at the end of August or beginning of September with exhibition games scheduled later in the summer.

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Catherine Reiffenstein (Aunty Kay) passed away on July 22, 2009 at the age of 84 years due to complications with pneumonia. She was born April 9th, 1925 to Irene (nee Colton) and Rev. Duncan Whyte Smith.

"Aunty Kay" as she was affectionately known by many friends and neighbours was born in Acme, Alberta and lived in many small towns across Alberta. While living in Didsbury she met Roy, the love of her life and in 1952 they were married. Aunty Kay attended Mount Royal College and held secretarial jobs before spending many years working as a Unit Clerk at the General Hospital before retiring in the 90's.

Aunty Kay and Uncle Roy had a great family of friends who did everything together from playing cards, celebrating birthdays to road trips near and far. Aunty Kay loved to knit dish cloths, play cards, build puzzles but most of all socialize with friends. She was especially close to her niece Holly and Terry and their boys spending many holidays and special moments together.

She is survived by several nieces: Holly (Terry) and Holly (Emile) of Cochrane AB; Heather (Rick) of Smith Falls ON; Debbie (Robert) of Winnipeg MB; Penny (Bob) of Brandon MB; Ann (Don), of Whitehorse, YK; as well as many great, and great-great nephews and nieces. Catherine was pre-deceased by her parents, her husband Roy, brother Don, niece Roberta and nephew Don.

The family wishes to express their thanks to the Foothills Hospital staff of Unit 62 for their attentive care and compassion.

Memorial Services were held at CALGARY CREMATORIUM CHAPEL, 3219 - 4th Street N.W., (within the valley of Queen's Park Cemetery) on Friday, July 31, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. If friends so desire, memorial tributes may be made directly to S.T.A.R.S. (Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society), Box 570, 1441 Aviation Park N.E., Calgary, AB T2E 8M7 Telephone: (403) 295-1811, www.stars.ca. To email expressions of sympathy: ccl@hffs.com, subject heading: Catherine Reiffenstein.

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